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With regard to the above-identified application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08a are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), before the mailing of the first Office Action, therefore, no fee is required.

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U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/097,703 filed on March 13, 2002 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,691,511).

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form PTO/SB/08a, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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